

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the specification is objected to based on the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Essentially, the Examiner notes that “ignore” is not used in the specification. Applicant believes that the Examiner’s objection to the specification is obviated.

Claims 1-15 are all the claims pending in the present application. The Examiner maintains the same prior art rejections, and adds a new rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Specifically, claims 1, 2, 9, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. With respect to claims 3 and 13, even though the Examiner does not specifically identify the rejections of these claims, it appears that these claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5 and 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Greer et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,993,722). Finally, claims 6 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Greer and Lambrecht et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,754,801).

§112, first paragraph, Rejections - Claims 1, 2, 9 and 12

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are related to the objections to the specification mentioned above. Applicant believes that the Examiner’s rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph are obviated.

Applicant believes that the rejections of claims 3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are obviated.

§102(e) Rejections (Greer) - Claims 1-5 and 7-14

The Examiner rejects claims 1-5 and 7-14 based on the reasons set forth on pages 4-7 of the present Office Action. Applicant traverses these rejections at least based on the following reasons.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicant submits that Greer does not disclose or suggest at least, "wherein, at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device," as recited in amended claim 1. The Examiner cites Figs. 1d, 1e, 1g; col. 11, line 65 - col. 12, line 15; and col. 7, lines 30-34, as allegedly satisfying the above-described feature (prior to the proposed amendment).

Briefly, Greer is directed to a user interface system, method and computer program product which permit selection of predetermined device application modes in a television set system and check the activation status of other application modes. If active modes are identified which are incompatible with the selected active mode, then these other active modes are halted. If compatible active modes are identified, then these remain concurrently active, with particularized adaptations being made.

Applicant submits that Greer only discloses that an application can be terminated once there has been a determination of a resource conflict between two different applications. Further, col. 7, lines 30-34 of Greer, only discusses that if a game or DVD operation is underway, the associated movie or game may be recognized as being active and may be paused and minimized on the interface display, causing operations to halt. This operation is performed when a television mode is activated by a user. However, there is no teaching or suggestion that at the host device, the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device. That is, Greer is focuses on resource conflicts between

applications, but, on the other hand, in claim 1, at a host device, the output mode of the display device determines whether input from an input unit is canceled or executed.

Further, with respect to claim 1, the feature of claim 1 quoted above recites that the input from the input unit is one of canceled and executed in accordance with the output mode of the display device. The output mode of the display device is determined in operation “b” of claim 1 by communicating with the display device. There is no teaching or suggestion in Greer of said output mode being determined by communicating with a display device. The only determination made in Greer is a determination of a resource conflict between different applications.

Therefore, at least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that Greer does not anticipate independent claim 1.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-5, 7, and 8 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect or direct dependencies from independent claim 1.

Applicant submits that independent claims 9 and 12 are patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 10, 11, 13, and 14 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 9 and 12.

§103(a) Rejections (Greer/Lambrecht) - Claims 6 and 15

Applicant submits that claims 6 and 15 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 12. Lambrecht does not make up for the deficiencies of Greer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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